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As Acting Director of the Office for Human Research Protections - OHRP (formerly the Office for Protection from Research Risks - OPRR), Dr. Lin is responsible for the management of OHRP policy, personnel, and budgetary matters regarding biomedical and behavioral research at both the national and international level.

Dr. Melody Lin, a native of Taiwan, received a B.S. degree in Pharmacy, and is a Registered Pharmacist. She received her Ph.D. in Microbiology/Immunology in 1976 from the George Washington University Medical Center. Dr. Lin is a Captain in the U.S. PHS Commissioned Corps. Previous OHRP/OPRR duties include serving as AIDS Coordinator, Chief of the Compliance Oversight Branch, and Director of Division of Human Subject Protections. Captain Lin is frequently invited to speak on research ethics and the inclusion of women, minorities, and children in research; and on ethical issues involving international collaborative research. She frequently is invited, by various organizations, to discuss changing landscapes of human subject protection and compliance oversight in clinical trials and federal perspectives relating to IRB issues.



Captain Lin is a member of the Academia Sinica's Frontier of Genetic Program Advisory Committee in Taiwan, is the U.S. liaison to the Canadian Medical Research Council's Standing Ethics Committee, and is an ex officio of NIH's DNA Recombinant Advisory Committee,. Notably, she has organized in excess of sixty conferences for OHRP/OPRR national workshops and scientific symposia. She has served on numerous special panels, task forces, and committees in the Public Health Service. Captain Lin also served as speaker and/or organizer for numerous national and international conferences.